



***Rulings of the Speaker
of the
Maine House of Representatives
1965-***



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103rd/1967	Regular Session	Jan. 4, 1967	Order concerning the seating arrangement in the House	24
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		Feb. 21, 1967	Ruling on the number of times an item can be tabled	362-363
		Mar. 30, 1967	Ruling that the Chair would not challenge the position (or vote) of any member unless it was a recorded vote	911
		April 20, 1967	Ruling that there is nothing in the rules that restrains debate in any manner as long as it is within the confines of good taste and decorum	1301-1302
		June 12, 1967	Ruling that a two-thirds vote of those present and voting is required	3168
		June 15, 1967	Ruling on when a Representative may enter the chamber to cast a vote	3408
		June 15, 1967	Ruling that it is up to the discretion of the Chair to determine the amount of time between the first and second absentee call	3408-3409
		June 22, 1967	Ruling that the amendment was not germane pursuant to House Rule 32 and debate on a challenge to this ruling	3470-3472

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103rd/1968	2nd Special Session	Jan. 18, 1968	Ruling that the tabling motion was not in order	164
104th/1969	Regular Session	May 6, 1969	Ruling that tabling a measure for a third time will not be considered	1777-1779
104th/1970	1st Special Session	Jan. 6, 1970	Ruling that the measure has been tabled pending reference to committee	24
		Jan. 23, 1970	Ruling that tabling motion is not in order and is a superfluous motion	361
		Feb. 2, 1970	Ruling that because intervening business had transpired, a motion to suspend the rules was in order	629
105th/1971	Regular Session	Feb. 11, 1971	Ruling pursuant to Joint Rule 4 that the vote on the pending matter would be in the "public interest" and not a conflict with a member's "private right"	357
		Mar. 24, 1971	Ruling that the offered amendment was germane to the measure	925
		Apr. 21, 1971	Ruling that members of the House who are lawyers and landlords may vote on the measure (Conflict of Interest)	1659

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105th/1971	Regular Session	May 18, 1971	Ruling that the effect of an amendment which changes a bill to a Constitutional Amendment (Joint Rule 21 and House Rule 32) is properly before the body	2744
		May 26, 1971	Ruling that the offered amendment was germane to the measure	3209-3210
		May 26, 1971	Ruling that amendment was not in order pursuant to Joint Rule 21 and House Rule 32	3210
		June 9, 1971	Ruling by Speaker on previous question on whether it would carry through to enactment	3792
		June 17, 1971	Ruling that the offered amendment was not germane to the measure and not in order	4236
105th/1972	1st Special Session	Feb. 9, 1972	Ruling by the Speaker that questions which reflect upon the character or conduct of any member or Chief Executive would not be permitted	201
		Feb. 17, 1972	Ruling that an offered amendment was not germane to the measure and out of order	318-319
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106th/1973	Regular Session	Feb. 6, 1973	Ruling on which question is before the House	232
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		Feb. 22, 1973	Ruling that debate on an amendment that was not presented was not in order and that the gentleman may vote	448
		Feb. 23, 1973	Ruling that no conflict of interest existed.	473
		Feb. 23, 1973	Ruling that Representative should confine his remarks without making reference to a member of the other body	483
		Feb. 28, 1973	Ruling that a member has the right to speak, and if he is in his seat at the time a vote is taken, he is obligated to vote	574
		Mar. 12, 1973	Ruling that proper motion after a vote to reconsider was indefinite postponement	809
		Mar. 15, 1973	Ruling that any changes of dollars and cents in a measure must be done by a vote of the legislators and not changed by the Clerk	908
		Mar. 21, 1973	Ruling that the offered amendment was germane to the measure	1041
		Mar. 21, 1973	Ruling that the commitment motion takes priority based on the order of priorities	1042
		Mar. 21, 1973	Ruling that previous question motion applies only to the particular item under discussion at that time	1044

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106th/1973	Regular Session	Mar. 21, 1973	Ruling that everyone sitting in his seat must vote (Rule19)	1048-1049
		Mar. 21, 1973	Ruling that a person may not speak more than twice without unanimous consent of the House unless there is an intervening motion	1049
		Apr. 9, 1973	Ruling that a motion to indefinitely postpone was properly worded	1468
		April 9, 1973	Ruling that longer tabling time motion has precedence	1475
		April 9, 1973	Ruling that tabling motion is out of order	1476
		May 4, 1973	Ruling that motion to adjourn is not debatable and out of order according to Mason's Manual on Legislative Procedure, Rule 206	2327
		May 4, 1973	Ruling that motion to adjourn is in order	2327-2328
		May 7, 1973	Ruling that no conflict of interest existed.	2386
		May 9, 1973	Ruling on which motion was debatable. (A previous question motion applies only to the then pending question and that you may debate a further question on the same bill subsequently)	2505-2506
		May 11, 1973	Ruling that amendment must be acted upon...before the major bill itself may be taken up. So the motion (to recommit the bill) is out of order	2702

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106th/1974	1st Special Session	Jan. 25, 1974	Ruling that tabling motion is out of order	372
		Feb. 7, 1974	Ruling that request to strike debate from the record was out of order	566
		Feb. 26, 1974	Ruling on whether an offered amendment was germane to the measure (House Rule 32)	952
		Feb. 26, 1974	Ruling that the amendment is not before the body until the bill is reconsidered	953
		Feb. 28, 1974	Ruling clarifying that an amendment was previously ruled not germane	1016-1017
		Mar. 6, 1974	Ruling on the disposition of a bill after receding and concurring will be to indefinitely postponement	1196
		Mar. 8, 1974	Ruling that a unanimous vote was not required by the gentleman to have his remarks stricken from the record	1320
		Mar. 11, 1974	Ruling that only a majority vote is required for the addition of a new rule	1386
		Mar. 13, 1974	Ruling that the correct motion before the House is to recede which is debatable	1541
		Mar. 14, 1974	Ruling that an offered amendment was not germane to the measure	1633

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106th1974	1st Special Session	Mar. 14, 1974	Ruling that a motion to recede and concur was in order after a ruling that an amendment was not germane	1633
		Mar. 15, 1974	Ruling that the previous days ruling on the motion to recede and concur cannot stand and is not in order	1697
		Mar. 15, 1974	Ruling that a measure could be reconsidered again after having been over to the other body and returned	1699
		Mar. 15, 1974	Ruling that a motion to recede takes priority over the motion to insists or adhere	1704
		Mar. 19,1974	Ruling on the order of permissible motions after receding: recede and concur; insist and ask for a Committee of Conference and finally a motion to adhere	1789
		Mar. 19, 1974	Ruling that if a Committee of Conference could not agree that the bill would be dead	1789
		Mar. 19, 1974	Ruling on which motion would correctly put an amendment before the House to vote on it.	1791-1792
		Mar. 20, 1974	Ruling that bill would be in its second reading the next legislative day after the amendment is adopted	1873
		Mar. 20, 1974	Ruling as to where the bill was in relation to the other body	1897

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		Mar. 20, 1974	Ruling that tabling motion for two days could not be made	1919
		Mar. 20, 1974	Ruling that motion was that tabling motion was not in order because debate had not passed yet.	1920
		Mar. 20, 1974	Ruling on the interpretation of Rule 19 on Yeas and Nays	1922
		Mar. 20, 1974	Ruling that the Chair intended not to allow anyone to vote after the vote has been closed	1930
		Mar. 21, 1974	Ruling that motion for reconsideration was not in order	1996
		Mar.21, 1974	Ruling that after motion to Recede is made , a motion to indefinitely postpone would be in order	2012
		Mar. 21, 1974	Ruling that the bill in consideration could be amended at engrossment and that the gentleman's motion for reconsideration could not be withdrawn	2026-2027
		Mar. 25, 1974	Ruling on whether a quorum was present in the House	2158
		Mar.25, 1974	Ruling that the amendment to the bill was germane	2184

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106th1974	1st Special Session	Mar. 26, 1974	Ruling on which motion (to recede or to recede and concur) on the Conference Committee Report would keep the bill alive and that a motion to appoint a second Committee of Conference was not in order at this time.	2223
		Mar. 28, 1974	Ruling that the amendment was germane to the bill	2494
107th/1975	1st Regular Session	Mar. 11, 1975	Ruling on the necessity of a fiscal note requirement on a bill according to Rule 12.	B131
		Mar. 12, 1975	Ruling on Rule 36 that for a motion to be offered required that the rules be suspended because more than one succeeding day has intervened.	B145
		Mar. 12, 1975	Ruling that a 2/3rds vote was required to suspend the rules	B145
		Mar. 19, 1975	Ruling that the pending amendment was germane to the bill	B211
		May 5, 1975	Clarification by the Speaker on who would be able to make a motion to reconsider	B837
		May 8, 1975	Ruling on whether and when a conflict of interest exist with an individual or a "class" of individuals	B918
		May 21, 1975	Ruling not to influence this Body (House) by actions of another Body	B1190

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107th/1975	1st Regular Session	June 11, 1975	Ruling on whether a member is in conflict and may enter into debate and clarification on Rule 19.	B1838-B1839
		June 18, 1975	Clarification by the Speaker on whether debate is appropriate during a motion to table	B2077
		June 18, 1975	Ruling that on matters to be held , any member may move to reconsider at any time	B2077
107th/1976	2nd Regular Session	Feb. 3, 1976	Ruling that a referral to the Committee on Jobs would not make a report back to the Legislature	62
		Feb. 6, 1976	Ruling pursuant to Joint Rule 28 that the pending bill should not have been let in	88
		Feb. 9, 1976	Ruling pursuant to Joint Rule 28 that the pending order needs a majority vote to receive passage	99
		Feb. 10, 1976	Ruling that the pending amendment was germane to the bill	127
		Feb. 18, 1976	Ruling that motion to reconsider whereby bill failed of engrossment was proper motion at that time	174
		Feb. 27, 1976	Ruling clarifying that if the House insisted on a committee referral then the bill would die if the other body insisted on a different referral	288

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107th/1976	2nd Regular Session	Mar. 2, 1976	Ruling that identical bill which was allowed in, was not improperly before the Body and that question of germaneness should have been raised when it was allowed in.	325
		Mar. 11, 1976	Ruling that amendment was germane	428
		Mar. 15, 1976	Ruling that the pending motion of "Indefinite Postponement" would not in order but acceptance of the Majority Report	457
		Mar. 22, 1976	Ruling that Legislation reported back from a Committee pursuant to an order was properly before the Body and not in violation of Joint Rule 82.	558-559
		Mar. 22, 1976	Ruling that the pending bill was improperly before the Body pursuant to Joint Rule 7-E. Suspension of Joint Rule 7-E would bring the bill properly before the Body.	561
		Mar. 22, 1976	Ruling that motion for Indefinite Postponement would not be in order.	564
		Mar. 22, 1976	Ruling on Constitutional language that the present Legislature cannot raise its salary but may reduce it.	564
		Mar. 23, 1976	Ruling that under Joint Rule 19 no conflict existed for Legislator	590

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107th/1976	2nd Regular Session	Mar. 24, 1976	Ruling under Joint Rule 21 that portion of bill was in violation of the rule with the options of tabling or eliminating the section in question	646
		Mar. 25, 1976	Ruling that Majority Report "ONTP-ND" was germane	668
		Mar. 26, 1976	Ruling that amendment was not germane	732
		Mar. 26, 1976	Vote on appeal of the Ruling of the Speaker. Ruling was sustained	733
		Mar. 30, 1976	Ruling that amendment was not germane	798
		Mar.30, 1976	Ruling on the applicability of Joint Rule 28 to Legislation to legislation in question	809
		Mar. 30, 1976	Ruling on Joint Rule 21 on the "three day notice" on rejected legislation	809
		Mar. 30, 1976	Ruling on House Rule 19 for request to be excused from voting	811
		Mar. 31, 1976	Ruling that an amendment in direct conflict to pending legislation could be proposed if the pending amendment passed	843
		Mar. 31, 1976	Ruling that proposed amendment violates both Joint Rules 28 and 21	861
		Apr. 1, 1976	Ruling that pending matter is not in violation of Joint Rule 28	889
		Apr. 2, 1976	Ruling that motion to adhere would not kill the pending legislation	908

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107th/1976	2nd Regular Session	April 2, 1976	Ruling that by adhering , the House would not be able to put a Senate amendment onto the bill	909
		Apr. 2, 1976	Ruling that by insisting there would be a Committee of Conference formed, whose report could be rejected but that the position to adhere to the House's previous position would be lost.	909
		Apr. 2, 1976	Ruling that the motion to indefinitely postpone was in order provided that the Rules were suspended and that the motion to suspend was not debatable	920
		Apr. 5, 1976	Ruling that House amendment "C" was not germane to the pending legislation due to it containing amending language not contained in the bill and not having had a public hearing	937
		Apr. 5, 1976	Ruling that on motion to recede anything within the bill is debatable	948
		Apr. 5, 1976	Ruling that there was no process to order resolutions or orders out of order	953
		Apr. 6, 1976	Ruling that motion to recede would be the proper motion , then take action on amendment	988
		Apr. 7, 1976	Ruling that amendment was not germane	1017

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		Apr. 7, 1976	Ruling that if motion to adhere were passed the bill would be dead	1024
		Apr. 7, 1976	Ruling that if House failed to recede with the other body , that motion to recommit could not be made at this time	1024
		Apr. 7, 1976	Ruling that available motions to the House would be to adhere or recede and concur.	1024
		Apr. 14, 1976	Ruling that amendment was germane	1142
		Apr. 15, 1976	Ruling that the House would have to kill Senate amendment and reinstitute a House amendment and that the amendment offered at this time was improper and could not be offered	1159
		Apr. 27, 1976	Ruling that the present matter may be debated	1197
		Apr. 28, 1976	Ruling that if a Joint Rule is amended it must lie on the table for a period of time unless the rules are suspended	1227
		Apr. 28, 1976	Ruling that the pending motion is to recede and concur and that this motion would mean final enactment of the bill	1229
		Apr.29, 1976	Ruling that proposed order would not be necessary if the bill was not enacted	1249

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		Feb. 4, 1977	Ruling that gentlemen was out of order in raising question of earlier Ruling of the Chair	177
		Feb. 24, 1977	Ruling that if a Legislator has a question of ethics on any member, he should file a request with the Ethics Commission and to refrain his remarks to the pending Legislation	178
		Mar. 10, 1977	Ruling clarifying question on item being removed from the supplement	248
		Apr. 26, 1977	Ruling that amendment was germane	687-688
		May 23, 1977	Ruling that the gentleman restrict his remarks to the pending bill	1187
		June 8, 1977	Ruling that a fiscal note is required under Joint Rule 28	1528
		June 8, 1977	Ruling that amendment was germane	1532
		June 9, 1977	Further comments on the need for a fiscal note Ruled on June 8th	1560
108th/1978	2nd Regular Session	Feb. 14, 1978	Ruling that amendment was not germane	221

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		Feb. 14, 1978	Ruling that the same amendment may not be brought before the body the next day	222
		Mar. 7, 1978	Ruling that it would not be proper to discuss the amendments themselves but that the relationship of the amendments to the bill could be discussed	474
		Mar. 8, 1978	Ruling that a tabling motion could be made but the gentleman requesting was not in a position to do so	491
109th/1979	1st Regular Session	Mar. 5, 1979	Ruling that order from the other body was in violation of Joint Rule 35	287-288
		Mar. 8, 1979	Ruling that any amendment to the House Rules provides for the tabling of one legislative day. The Joint Rules do not carry that connotation.	333
		Mar. 8, 1979	Ruling that the decision has been made and as a result cannot be challenged	334

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		Apr. 24, 1979	Ruling on House Rule 35 on motion to reconsider matter twice on the same question. Ruling challenge and sustained	852-853
		June 7, 1979	Ruling that amendment was germane	1745-1746
109th/1980	2nd Regular Session	Mar. 13, 1980	Ruling on Joint Rule 37 that the pending matter is germane and discussion on the meaning of the word "measure"	422-423
110th/1981	1st Regular Session	Mar. 11, 1981	Ruling that a fiscal note is required of the bill and that it must be tabled or the Speaker will rule that the bill not be before the body	373
		Mar. 26, 1981	Ruling that gentleman's remarks were in order and germane to the question	507
		May 21, 1981	Ruling that the new draft of a prior bill is not germane	1281 and 1287

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110th/1981	1st Regular Session	June 3, 1981	Ruling that in order for the amendment from the Senate to be adopted, the rule (19-A) will have to be suspended	1504-1505
110th/1982	2nd Regular Session	Mar. 3, 1982	Ruling that amendment is germane to the bill	226
		Mar. 18, 1982	Ruling explaining that a bill could appear in a joint order	283
		Mar. 18, 1982	Ruling explaining that an order dealing with taxes could originate in the Senate provided that the bill is returned to the House of Representatives to be dealt with	283
		Mar. 18, 1982	Ruling that such an order would require a two-thirds vote according to Rules 25 and 26	283
		Mar. 18, 1982	Ruling that all bills after cloture must be introduced through the Legislative Council and that to circumvent this would require that the rules be suspended	283
		Mar. 18, 1982	Ruling that a question that a decision of the chair be sustained is not debatable	283
		Mar. 23, 1982	Ruling that amendment is germane to the bill	316
		Mar. 24, 1982	Ruling that a member is not precluded from voting if he/she is a member of a class (Rule 19)	345

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		Mar. 31, 1982	Ruling that bill would be tabled until a fiscal note could be added	473
		April 1, 1982	Ruling that a request for germaneness of an amendment was not proper at this time because the amendment was not before the House	498
		April 1, 1982	Ruling that amendment was germane to the pending bill	510
		April 5, 1982	Ruling that amendment before the House was germane	551
		April 6, 1982	Ruling that if a committee of conference report was rejected that that the bill would not be dead	581
111th/1983	1st Regular Session	Feb. 10, 1983	Ruling that Senate Amendment is germane to the bill	135
		Mar. 9, 1983	Ruling that if the matter is indefinitely postponed, it will not be able to be reconsidered by the committee and that the language will not be able to become part of any other package that comes out of the committee	297
		Mar. 16, 1983	Ruling pursuant to Joint Rule 21 that the amendment is in violation of the rules lacking a fiscal note	345

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111th/1983	1st Regular Session	Mar. 29, 1983	Ruling that employers who are Representatives would have a conflict and that the gentleman could proceed any way he wanted to	444
		Apr. 14, 1983	Ruling that gentleman must discuss the issue before the House and not cast aspersions on individuals that are members or not members of this body	681
		May 11, 1983	Ruling that Joint Resolutions was not properly before the body because it required the approval of the Legislative Council	823
		May 11, 1983	Ruling that Joint Resolution requires a "suspension of the rules" to be properly before the body	823
		June 9, 1983	Ruling that a ruling from the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices provides guidance on the issue of "conflicts" of a Representative. The Speaker rules that he believes the ruling to be in error.	1225-1226
		June 22, 1983	Ruling based on previous rulings by the Chair on matters which have been defeated, only those matters which have been reintroduced by the Governor can be taken under consideration by the same session unless that Bill is in by two-thirds vote. The Chair would rule that the amendment is improperly before this body	1363

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112th/1985	1st Regular Session	Dec., 5, 1984	Ruling that the Chair was not in a position to make a determination on whether a conflict existed	18
112th/1985	1st Regular Session	Feb. 28, 1985	Ruling that request on the existence of a conflict lies with a determination by the Governmental Ethics Commission and that any member who feels he has a conflict will be excused from voting.	204
		Mar. 21, 1985	Ruling that bill did not require a fiscal note because it did not impact the state budget but the county budget	298-299
		May 30, 1985	Ruling that Joint Rule 10 and House Rule 19 provide for conflicts of interest and a method to be excused from voting	861-862
		June 5, 1985	Ruling that amendment is properly before the body	1025
		June 10, 1985	Ruling of the Chair on conflict of interest pursuant to House Rule 19 and Joint Rule 10 that members are allowed to vote on the pending matter	1108-1109
		June 13, 1985	Ruling pursuant to House Rule 1 and 2 correcting a previous statement by a member of the body concerning the voting rights of the Indian Representatives	1206
112th/1986	2nd Regular Session	Jan. 25, 1986	Ruling that L.D. was in violation of Joint Rule 37 and is presently under study by the Legislative Council	161

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		Jan. 25, 1986	Ruling that L.D. 1831 is not in violation of Joint Rule 37 and is distinct from the previously considered bill.	161
		Mar. 4, 1986	Ruling that L.D. 1265 was in violation of Joint Rule 37. The bill is substantially the same as the prior bill which was defeated.	475
		Mar. 10, 1986	Ruling that request whether the pending L.D. was properly before the body was made at an improper time and therefore the bill was properly before the body	536
		Mar. 18, 1986	Ruling that the pending bill was in violation of Joint Rule 37 and was improperly before the body	736
		Mar. 31, 1986	Ruling that additional language in the new draft of an L.D. was germane to the original L.D.	930
113th/1987	1st Regular Session	May 5, 1987	Ruling that amendment was not germane	726
		May 6, 1987	Ruling that amendment was not germane	750
		May 18, 1987	Ruling that that Governor's bill was not in violation of Joint Rule 24	860

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113th/1987	1st Regular Session	May 18, 1987	Ruling that corrected bill previously ruled improperly introduced was now properly before the body	860
		May 18, 1987	Ruling that that Governor's bill was not in violation of Joint Rule 24	860
		May 18, 1987	Ruling that bill was in violation of Joint Rule 24 and was not properly before the body	860
		May 18, 1987	Ruling that bill was in violation of Joint Rule 24 and was not properly before the body	
		May 19, 1987	Ruling that bill is properly before the body and not in violation of Joint Rule 24	895
		May 21, 1987	Ruling that bill was in violation of Joint Rule 21 and no longer before the body	966
		May 26, 1987	Ruling that matter ruled not properly before the body previously was now properly before the body corrected by Senate amendment	1020
		May 28, 1987	Ruling that amendment was germane	1095
		June 3, 1987	Ruling that amendment was germane	1250
		June 4, 1987	Ruling that amendment was not germane	1287-1288
		June 9, 1987	Ruling that amendment was not germane	1402-1403

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		June 10, 1987	Ruling that the new draft of the original bill is in violation of the rules and is not germane	1450-1451
		June 15, 1987	Ruling that the bill did not require a fiscal note	1617
113th/1988	2nd Regular Session	Feb. 15, 1988	Ruling that the bill is not properly before the body in violation of Joint Rule 27	215
		Mar. 1, 1988	Ruling that amendment was not germane to the bill	303
		Mar. 2, 1988	Ruling clarifying Joint Rule 10 governing a legislator's conflict of interest and the conflict between "public interest" and "private right"	313-314
		Mar. 2, 1988	Ruling that the pending bill was not in violation of Joint Rule 37	314
		Mar. 21, 1988	Ruling that a fiscal note is necessary to the intent of the bill	485
		Mar. 29, 1988	Ruling that a fiscal note is necessary and that the bill is tabled until an amendment with a fiscal note is placed on the bill	629
		Apr. 6, 1988	Ruling that amendment is properly before the body.	775
115th/1991	1st Regular Session	Mar. 25, 1991	Ruling that Joint Resolution is improperly before the body	H-385
		Apr. 4, 1991	Clarification of Joint Rule 15	H-443

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115th/1992	2nd Regular Session	Mar. 25, 1992	Ruling that the pending bill is improperly before the body	H-596
		Mar.26, 1992	Ruling that the Committee amendment is not germane	H-660
		Mar. 30, 1992	Ruling that offer of an amendment at that time was out of order	H-782
		Mar. 30, 1992	Challenge to the ruling and that the offer of the amendment was improper was not debatable and was voted upon. The Ruling was sustained.	H-782
116th/1994	2nd Regular Session	Jan. 11, 1994	Ruling that the bill was not properly before the body pursuant to Joint Rule 37	H-1480- H-1481
		Apr. 6, 1994	Ruling pursuant to Joint Rule 37 that the four pending bills submitted by the Governor were exempted from the Joint Rule and were properly before the body	H-2068 - H-2069
117th/1995	1st Regular Session	Feb. 23, 1995	Ruling that amendment is not germane pursuant to House Rule 31	H-166- H-167
		Mar. 14, 1995	Ruling that paring of votes would not be allowed for items requiring a two-thirds or "super majority" vote pursuant to House Rule 7	H-212
		Mar. 30, 1995	Ruling that L.D. was not properly before the body	H-308
		May 31, 1995	Ruling that amendment was germane to the pending bill	H-813

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117th/1995	1st Regular Session	Nov. 29, 1995	Ruling that amendment was properly before the House and germane to the bill pursuant to House Rule 31	H-1504
117th/1996	2nd Regular Session	Mar. 28, 1996	Ruling that L.D. is not in violation of Joint Rule 22 and is not a mandate	H-1916
		Apr. 3, 1996	Ruling that L.D. was not in violation of Joint Rule 217 and was properly before the body	H-2138 - H-2139
		Sept. 6, 1996	Ruling that the bill was properly before the body pursuant to Title 21-A MRSA section 906	H-2199
118th/1997	1st Regular Session	Feb. 13, 1997	Ruling that pending bill was not a mandate	H-134
		Mar. 25, 1997	Ruling that House amendment was germane	H-320
		Mar. 25, 1997	Ruling that the current debate was germane to the enactment of the bill	H-329
		Mar. 26, 1997	Ruling that the current discussion was germane to the bill	H-339
		Apr. 8, 1997	Ruling that according to Mason's Manual section 242, paragraph 1: "It is not the presiding officer's right to rule upon the constitutionality or legal effect or expediency of a proposed bill since that authority belongs to the House"	H-420

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118th/1997	1st Regular Session	Apr. 17, 1997	Ruling that the bill was not a conflict of interest	H-524
		May 19, 1997	Ruling that the bill constituted a mandate	H-924
		May 20, 1997	Ruling that a roll call is required pursuant to the Constitution	H-969
		May 23, 1997	Ruling that the bill was not a mandate	H-1105
		May 28, 1997	Ruling that amendment was not germane and not properly before the body	H-1194
		June 20, 1997	Ruling that the amendment was germane	H-1386
		June 20, 1997	Ruling on appeal on ruling of the chair on germaness of amendment was out of order because the House had taken subsequent action after the chair's ruling	H-1388-1389
118th/1998	2nd Regular Session	Feb. 9, 1998	Ruling that it was improper for the Chair to rule on the constitutionality of proposed legislation and that the bill was permissive and therefore not a mandate	H-1479
		Mar. 23, 1998	Ruling that the amendment was not germane to the bill	H-1826
		Mar. 24, 1998	Ruling that the bill was properly before the body	H-1885
		Apr. 1, 1998	Appeal of ruling of the chair	H-2132

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118th/1998	2nd Regular Session	Apr. 7,1998	Ruling that the question posed was not appropriate at that time	H-2224
		Apr. 7, 1998	Ruling that Senate amendment was not germane to the bill and was not properly before the body	H-2225
119th/1999	1st Regular Session	Mar. 2, 1999	Ruling that under House Rule 107 that the bill was not properly before the body as inetrpreted under the Maine Constitution Article 4, Part 1 section 7 and Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure Section 3, Part 4.	H-254-H-258
		Mar. 4, 1999	Ruling that LD 1104 and LD 1146 were not properly before the body pursuant to House Rule 107	H-281-H-282
		Mar. 11, 1999	Ruling that the pending bill was properly before the body	H-336
		Mar. 18, 1999	Ruling that under House Rule 107 based upon Maine Constitution Article 4, Part 3, section 4 and Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure section 3, Part 4 the bill was not properly before the body	H-369-H-370
		May 11, 1999	Ruling that pursuant to Maine Constitution Article 4, Part 3, section 9 which requires that all bills for raising revenue originate in the House of Representatives that Senate bill was not properly before the body	H-921
		May 17, 1999	Ruling that committee amendment was germane to the bill	H-1124

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119th/1999	1st Regular Session	May 18, 1999	Ruling that committee amendment was germane to the bill under section 404 of Mason's Legislative Manual	H-1185
		May 20, 1999	Ruling that committee amendment was not germane to the bill	H-1221
		May 25, 1999	Ruling that committee amendment was germane to the bill under House Rule 506 and Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure section 402	H-1357
		June 3, 1999	Ruling that pursuant to House Rule 401.12 and that the Legislature is not taking final action on the issue members could vote	H-1566
		June 5, 1999	Ruling that Joint Order was not properly before the body due to the Joint Order would involve the other body being involved in making determination with respect to the proceedings of the House	H-1612
119th/2000	2nd Regular Session	Apr. 6, 2000	Ruling that House amendment was not germane	H-2322
		Apr. 7, 2000	Ruling that in reference to Mason's Manual, Rule 111, section 3 that the Representative was not out of order by simply referencing a pending lawsuit	H-2403
		May 11, 2000	Ruling that pursuant to House Rule 506 and Rule 402 of Mason's Manual the Senate amendment was germane	H-2737

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120th/2001	1st Regular Session	Mar. 5, 2001	Ruling that pursuant to House Rule 107, the pending bill (LD 551) was not properly before the House by it attempting to alter House procedure by statute.	H-243
		Mar. 5, 2001	Ruling that pursuant to House Rule 107, the pending bill (LD 651) was not properly before the House by it attempting to alter House procedure by statute.	H-243-H-244
		May 1, 2001	Ruling that pursuant to House Rule 107, the pending bill (LD 1445) was not properly before the House by it attempting to alter House procedure by statute that would be binding on a subsequent legislature.	H-563-H-564
		May 29, 2001	Ruling that the pending legislation was not a a mandate	H-1092
		June 21, 2001	Ruling that according to section 1 of Mason's Rules of Parliamentary Procedure, a two-thirds majority is not required for passage	H-1545
120th/2002	2nd Regular Session	Feb. 14, 2002	Ruling that the Joint Order was properly before the body	H-1678
		Mar. 26, 2002	Ruling that the bill was not a mandate and was properly before the body	H-1976
121st/2003	1st Regular Session	Feb.14, 2003	Ruling that the bill was not properly before the body pursuant to House Rule 107	H-151
		Apr. 30, 2003	Ruling that committee amendment was not germane to the bill	H-439

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121st/2003	1st Regular Session	May 21, 2003	Ruling that the bill was properly before the body	H-711
		June 14, 2003	Ruling that the sale of certain state land did not require a two-thirds vote	H-1025
121st/2004	2nd Regular Session	Jan. 30, 2004	Ruling that House proceedings were not in violation of Mason's Manual section 21, paragraph 2	H-1190
		Apr. 13, 2004	Ruling that Representative's remarks were germane in accordance with the order before us and germane	H-1617
		Apr. 16, 2004	Ruling that the amendment was properly before the body pursuant to section 402 Mason's Manual and House Rule 506	H-1716-H-1717
122nd/2005	1st Special Session	May 9, 2005	Ruling that resolve was not properly before the body pursuant to Joint Rule 217	H-491
		May 18, 2005	Ruling that the roll call was properly before the body pursuant to Joint Rule 510	H-620
		June 2, 2005	Ruling that Committee amendment was not germane to the original bill and thus not properly before the body	H-986
		June 13, 2005	Ruling that the bill was properly before the body pursuant to House Rule 107	H-986
		June 18, 2005	Ruling that a quorum was present	H-1083

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122nd/2005	2nd Special Session	July 29, 2005	Ruling that the amendment was not properly before the body	H-1108
122nd/2006	2nd Regular Session	Jan. 12, 2006	Ruling the Joint Order was properly before the body	H-1152
		Mar. 22, 2006	Ruling that the motion was out of order	H-1338
		Apr. 10, 2006	Ruling that house amendment was not germane to the bill	H-1515
		Apr. 11, 2006	Ruling that house amendment was not germane to the bill	H-1552
		Apr. 11, 2006	Ruling that house amendment was germane to the bill	H-1556
		Apr. 12, 2006	Ruling that the bill was germane	H-1567-H-1568
		Apr. 26, 2006	Ruling that house amendment was germane to the bill	H-1652-H-1653
122nd/2006	2nd Regular Session	Apr. 26, 2006	Ruling that the Constitutional Resolution was properly before the body	H-1722
		May 22, 2006	Ruling that the bill was properly before the body	H-1742-H-1743
		May 23, 2006	Ruling that the committee amendment was germane to the bill	H-1785
		May 24, 2006	Ruling that the motion was properly before the body	H-1800
		May 24, 2006	Ruling that the bill was properly before the body	H-1800

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123rd/2007	1st Regular Session	May 10, 2007	Ruling that the pending question was not debatable during the vote	H-490
		June 6, 2007	Ruling that committee amendment was not germane and not properly before the body pursuant to House Rule 506 and Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure, section 402	H-705
		June 7, 2007	Ruling that remarks were germane to the pending question	H-715-H-716